

At the beginning of May I sent a letter, with 34 of my colleagues, to encourage Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to implement the Volcker Rule. The Volcker Rule would make it harder for banks to make risky investments that could lead to another crisis or the loss of customer funds. It will also create fewer conflicts of interest because banks will no longer be directly pitting the interests of their customers against their desire for profit.

We again saw last week why these kinds of protection are so important when J.P. Morgan Chase lost billions of dollars on risky bets. Now is the time for both parties in Congress to embrace the need for this vital regulation so that the wheeling and dealing of banks can't launch us into another financial crisis.

Below, I have included the letter we sent and some articles that I think demonstrate how implementation of a strong Volcker Rule would have prevented this loss and would prevent future similar events.

### **Letter to Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke**

We write as the original sponsors, co-sponsors, and supporters of the effort to establish a strong wall between our nation's core banking system and high-risk, potentially conflicted trading activities. This wall, commonly known as the Volcker Rule, was established by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2012 and will become effective in this July. We urge you to fully implement a clear, strong, and effective Volcker Rule without delay... [Read the full letter here.](#)

### **One Side's Uncertainty – CQ/Roll Call**

The multibillion-dollar hedging mistake by JP Morgan Chase has propelled one of this year's hottest, costliest and most secretive lobbying battles out of the shadows and onto the [election-year agenda](#)

. Democrats know right where they want to position themselves; Republicans, [not so much](#)

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### Why We Regulate – New York Times

One of the characters in the classic 1939 film “Stagecoach” is a banker named Gatewood who lectures his captive audience on the evils of big government, especially bank regulation — “As if we bankers don’t know how to run our own banks!” he exclaims. As the film progresses, we learn that Gatewood is in fact skipping town with a satchel full of embezzled cash... [Read the full article here.](#)